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RESOLUTION NO. 2022-179

First Reading Passage Requested
(G. Johnson)

SPONSOR Executive Shapiro & Council As A Whole

DATE June 13, 2022 COMMITTEE Human Services

A Resolution declaring August 31, 2022 Overdose Awareness Day in Summit County, raising awareness of the opioid epidemic and asking residents to join in remembering and mourning the lives lost due to the epidemic, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, International Overdose Awareness Day has been recognized by governments and non-governmental organizations since 2001; and

WHEREAS, this day provides a time to remember and mourn those in our communities lost to an overdose as well as raise awareness about the dangers of drug use, substance use disorder, and the use of opioids; and

WHEREAS, over 4,000 Ohioans died due to an overdose in 2019 according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and

WHEREAS, over two-thirds of overdose deaths in Ohio involved an opioid; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, Executive Ilene Shapiro declared a state of emergency in recognition of the toll the epidemic was having on the community, causing hospitalizations and deaths; and

WHEREAS, the County of Summit continues to battle the opioid epidemic and remains committed to providing resources for those affected by the epidemic; and

WHEREAS, since receiving a financial settlement from opioid manufacturers and distributors, the Summit County Opiate Abatement Council has recommended, and Council has approved over \$7 million in grants to local organizations working to abate the epidemic; and

WHEREAS, the settlement also included lifesaving medical supplies that have been distributed to local hospitals; and

WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information, that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit that August 31, 2022, be declared Overdose Awareness Day in Summit County, raising awareness of the opioid epidemic and asking residents to join in remembering and mourning the lives lost due to the epidemic.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Summit, State of Ohio, that:

SECTION 1

The day of August 31, 2022 is hereby declared Overdose Awareness Day in Summit County and the residents of Summit County are encouraged to join in this acknowledgement.

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4 SECTION 2

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6 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
7 welfare of the residents and employees of the County of Summit and for the further purpose of
8 immediately declaring August 31, 2022, as Overdose Awareness Day in Summit County.

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10 SECTION 3

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12 Provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight (8) members, it shall take
13 effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Executive; otherwise, it shall take effect
14 and be in force at the earliest time provided by law.

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16 SECTION 4

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18 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating
19 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
20 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were
21 in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22
22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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25 INTRODUCED June 13, 2022

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31 *Fon* CLERK OF COUNCIL

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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33 APPROVED June 17, 2022

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39 ENACTED EFFECTIVE June 17, 2022

Voice Vote – YES: 11-0: Darrow, DeVitis, Dickinson, Donofrio,
McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite